

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

SMARTMATIC USA CORP.,  
SMARTMATIC INTERNATIONAL  
HOLDING B.V., and SGO CORPORATION  
LIMITED,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICHAEL J. LINDELL and MY PILLOW,  
INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 22-cv-0098-WMW-JFD

**PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION DIRECTED TO  
DEFENDANTS MICHAEL J. LINDELL AND MY PILLOW, INC.**

Plaintiffs Smartmatic USA Corp., Smartmatic International Holding B.V. and SGO Corporation Limited (collectively, "Smartmatic"), by and through their attorneys, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP, propound the following requests for production pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 and 26 to be answered fully within 30 days of service.

**DEFINITIONS**

Notwithstanding any definitions set forth below, each word or term used in these Document Requests is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases shall be defined and used in the following Document Requests as follows:

1. "2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION" shall mean the U.S. Presidential Election that occurred on November 3, 2020, and all voting by any means (including in-person or mail-in voting) for that election.

2. “ACCUSED PROGRAMS” shall mean the Internet programs, radio programs, television programs, and documentaries identified in paragraphs 81–108, 110–116, and 117–126 of the COMPLAINT, including, but not limited to, the programs entitled *Absolute Proof*, *Scientific Proof*, *Absolute Interference*, and *Absolutely 9-0* and the Cyber Symposium broadcasted on LindellTV.com and Frankspeech.com.

3. “ACTION” shall mean the above-captioned lawsuit presently pending in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Case No. 22-cv-0098-WMW-JFD.

4. “And” and “or” shall mean “and/or” and shall be construed both conjunctively and disjunctively, and each shall include the other wherever such dual construction will serve to bring within the scope of this Request any answer which would otherwise not be brought within its scope.

5. “Any” and “all” shall mean “any and all.”

6. “Communications” shall mean the recording, conveyance, exchange, or transmittal of information (in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries or otherwise) of any kind by or with any person or entity for any purpose by any written, verbal, or electronic means or method, including, without limitation, notes, complaints, diaries, journals, datebooks, reports, calendars, telephone messages, letters, email messages, cell phone text messages (SMS messages and MMS messages), voicemail messages, internal messaging system communications, social media communications or posting on sites including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Rumble, Reddit, Gab, or Parler (including any direct messages), website postings, internet chat-room postings, lists, correspondence, drawings, designs, telegrams, manuals, summaries or records of personal conversations, logs, minutes or records of meetings, minutes of any other type, transcripts of oral

testimony or statements, affidavits, or summaries of investigations. For avoidance of doubt, the term “Communications” includes internal communications and communications with third parties.

7. “COMPLAINT” shall mean the complaint filed by Smartmatic in this ACTION, and any amended complaint filed subsequently in this ACTION.

8. “DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS” shall mean any broadcast and the complete program in which any of the DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS appeared, including without limitation, the broadcasts and rebroadcasts identified in the COMPLAINT.

9. “DEFAMATORY STATEMENT(S)” shall mean all statements the COMPLAINT alleges are defamatory, including without limitation the statements identified in Paragraphs 76–78, 80–108, 110–113, 114–115, 117–127, 130–133, 137, 143, 150, 158, 165, 170, and 176 of the COMPLAINT.

10. “Documents” shall mean documents in its broadest sense and shall mean and include all written, printed, typed, recorded, or graphic data or matter of every kind and description, both originals and copies, and all attachments and appendices thereto. The terms “Document” and “Documents” shall include, without limitation, all agreements, contracts, correspondence, letters, telegrams, telexes, messages, e-mail, memoranda, records, reports, books, summaries or other records of telephone conversations or interviews, summaries or other records of personal conversations, minutes or summaries or other records of meetings and conferences, summaries or other records of negotiations, diaries, diary entries, calendars, appointment books, visitor records, time records, instructions, work assignments, forecasts, statistical data, statistical statements, worksheets, work papers, drafts, graphs, maps, charts, tables, analytical records, consultants’ reports, appraisals, notes, marginal notations, notebooks, statements, lists, recommendations, files, printouts, compilations, tabulations, confirmations, analyses, studies, surveys, transcripts of

hearings, transcripts of testimony, microfilm, microfiche, articles, speeches, tape or disk recordings, sound recordings, video recordings, film, tape, photographs, data compilations from which information can be obtained (including but not limited to matter used in data processing), and any other printed, written, handwritten, typewritten, recorded, stenographic, computer-generated, computer-stored, or electronically stored matter, however and by whomever produced, prepared, reproduced, disseminated or made.

11. “DOMINION” shall mean US Dominion, Inc., and its subsidiaries Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., and Dominion Voting Systems Corporation, as well as any officers, directors, employees, or agents acting on behalf of these entities, and all others who have purported to act on their behalf or obtained information on their behalf.

12. “DONALD TRUMP” means and refers to the 45th President of the United States.

13. “Electronically Stored Information” or “ESI” shall mean all electronically stored information in its broadest sense and shall mean and include, but is not limited to: (a) information or data that is generated, received, processed, and recorded by computers and other electronic devices, including metadata; (b) internal or external web sites; (c) output resulting from the use of any software program, including, without limitation, word processing Documents, spreadsheets, database files, charts, graphs and outlines, electronic mail, instant messages, bulletin board programs, operating systems, source code, PRF files, PRC files, batch files, ASCII files, and all miscellaneous media on which they reside and regardless of whether said electronic data exists in an active file, a deleted file, or file fragment; (d) activity listings of electronic mail receipts and/or transmittals; and (e) any and all items stored on computer memories, hard disks, floppy disks, CD-ROM or other discs, flash or jump drives, online cloud storage, magnetic tape, microfiche, or on any other media for digital data storage or transmittal, such as, but not limited to, a personal digital

assistant, hand-held wireless device, and file folder tabs, or containers and labels appended to, or relating to, any physical storage device associated with each original or copy of all documents requested herein.

14. “GUESTS” shall mean any person interviewed or relied upon in making the DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS or in the ACCUSED PROGRAMS including, but not limited to, Mary Fanning, Phil Waldron, Matthew DePerno, Russell Ramsland, Dr. Shiva Ayyudurai, Patrick Colbeck, Michael Flynn, Dr. Frank Douglas, Steve Bannon, and Joseph Oltmann.

15. “Including” shall mean “including, but not limited to.”

16. “LINDELL” shall mean Defendant Michael J. Lindell.

17. “LINDELL APPEARANCES” shall mean the in-person appearances made by LINDELL, including without limitation, the appearances identified in paragraphs 76, 77, 78, 82, and 117–126 of the COMPLAINT.

18. “LINDELL EMPLOYEES” shall mean any person who is currently or was previously employed by, contracted by, a director of, an officer of, or an agent of LINDELL or who works in any capacity for LINDELL, regardless of whether that person is paid by or has a contract with LINDELL or any of his affiliated or related entities.

19. “LINDELL WEBSITES” shall mean LindellTV.com, FrankSpeech.com, and MichaelJLindell.com.

20. “MY PILLOW” shall mean Defendant My Pillow Inc. and its past or present subsidiaries, affiliates, attorneys, agents, representatives, officers, directors, employees, or other persons acting on its behalf, including any regional affiliates or contributors, whether paid or unpaid, and including all radio and television appearances made by persons acting as spokespersons for MY PILLOW.

21. “MY PILLOW EMPLOYEES” shall mean any person who is currently or was previously employed by, contracted by, a director of, an officer of, or an agent of MY PILLOW or who works in any capacity for MY PILLOW, regardless of whether that person is paid by or has a contract with MY PILLOW or any of its affiliated or related entities.

22. “MYPILLOW.COM” shall mean the internet site mypillow.com and all other linked information located on mypillow.com.

23. “OTHER NEWS ORGANIZATION(S)” means and refers to other news organizations, whether print or television, including but not limited to the Wall Street Journal, ABC News, One America News Network, Newsmax, Fox News, and any and all publications referenced in the COMPLAINT.

24. “Person(s)” refers to all natural persons and all forms of business organizations, including corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, unincorporated associations, trusts, governmental bodies, and/or all other identifiable entities.

25. “Regarding” shall mean referring to, discussing, describing, evidencing, concerning, comprising, constituting, referencing, reflecting, supporting, or relating to in any manner.

26. “Relate to” or “relating to” shall mean consisting of, referring to, reflecting, or being in any way legally, logically, or factually connected with the matter discussed.

27. “RNC” means and refers to the Republican National Committee, and/or any of its agents, staff, members, appointees, employees, advisors, or attorneys at or during the time period referenced in the individual requests, including but not limited to Ronna McDaniel, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Liz Harrington, and Paris Dennard.

28. “SMARTMATIC” shall mean Smartmatic USA Corp., Smartmatic International Holding B.V., and/or SGO Corporation Limited, and their predecessors in interest, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and affiliates, as well as any officers, directors, employees, or agents acting on behalf of these entities, and all others who have purported to act on their behalf or obtained information on their behalf.

29. “SOCIAL MEDIA” shall mean any social media accounts operated by or on behalf of Michael J. Lindell, including, without limitation, accounts affiliated with the ACCUSED PROGRAMS. This also includes, without limitation, any social media account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Rumble, Reddit, Gab, or Parler, including personal accounts.

30. “State” shall mean to state specifically and in detail.

31. “TRUMP ADMINISTRATION” means and refers to DONALD TRUMP, and/or any of his agents, staff members, appointees, employees, members of the Cabinet, or officials within any Executive Department or agency, including but not limited to advisors, attorneys, and family members.

32. “TRUMP CAMPAIGN” means and refers to the entity Donald Trump for President 2020 and any individual whom you understood to be speaking on behalf of the campaign to re-elect DONALD TRUMP to a second term as President of the United States in 2020, and/or any of its agents, staff members, appointees, employees, advisors, or attorneys at or during the time period referenced in any individual requests, including but not limited to Jared Kushner, Ivanka Trump, Bill Stepien, Jason Miller, Stephen Miller, Justin Clark, Matt Morgan, Donald Trump, Jr., Eric Trump, Lara Trump, Kimberly Guilfoyle, Katrina Pierson, Boris Ephsteyn, Michael Roman, Kayleigh McEnany, Gary Michael Brown, and Katherine Friess.

33. “You” or “Your” shall refer to LINDELL and/or MY PILLOW.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Unless otherwise specified, the relevant time period for each Request is January 1, 2020 through the present.

2. These Requests are continuing in nature, and any document identified subsequent to the service of these Requests that would have been included in the responses had it been known of shall promptly be supplied by supplemental responses whenever you find, locate, acquire, or become aware of such documents, up until the time of trial. Supplemental responses are to be served as soon as reasonably possible after identification of such documents.

3. Documents and ESI shall be produced as they are kept in the usual course of business, or shall be organized and labeled to correspond to the paragraphs of the Request to which they are responsive.

4. If any document responsive to these Requests is withheld under a claim of privilege, you shall identify with respect to each document: (a) the author or originator; (b) the addressee(s) or recipient(s); (c) the type of document (letter, report, etc.); (d) the general subject matter of the document; (e) the date of the document; (f) the specific privilege claimed; and (g) the factual basis for your assertion of privilege or the reason for withholding.

5. If a portion of any document responsive to these Requests is withheld under a claim of privilege or any other objection, any non-privileged portion of such document must be produced with the portion claimed to be privileged redacted.

6. All responsive documents, wherever located, that are in your possession, custody, or control, or that of any of your agents, attorneys, or representatives, shall be produced in response to these Requests. If you are unable to respond in full to a Request after exercising due diligence to obtain all documents requested, so state; furnish the documents that are available; and indicate



in writing your inability to provide the rest of the documents that are responsive to the Request, setting forth whatever information, knowledge, or belief you have concerning the unavailable documents.

7. All ESI shall be produced either on portable storage media (CD/DVD, USB flash drive, or USB portable hard drive), or by electronic file transfer (FTP or equivalent). Documents stored in electronic form or format of any kind are to be rendered in 300 dpi single-page image format and produced as either black and white TIFF or color JPG images, accompanied by their corresponding document-level extracted text, a Concordance-formatted (.dat) load file containing related document-level metadata, and an Opticon-formatted (.opt) image load file. Each TIFF image must convey all the information the document contains, disclosing all track changes, hidden content, notes, and any hidden slides, rows or columns, subject to any redactions. Images should be uniquely and sequentially Bates numbered in both the filename and as an endorsement on each image. Documents should be properly unitized and shall not be combined. Documents such as spreadsheets, proprietary databases, access databases, and enterprise management systems shall be produced in their native format.

8. Excel files, audio files, and video files shall be produced in the native format that is referenced in their Native Link field, along with a TIFF placeholder image that is named by the beginning Bates number of the file, associated document-level text files, image load files (.DII, LFP, and OPT) indicating appropriate document and family breaks, as well as metadata load files in delimited text format containing the fields required by Instruction No. 7. You shall maintain family groups together in one production and shall not break family groups apart in separate production volumes.

9. Non-responsive family members must be produced together with responsive family members. In instances where You do not assert a privilege with respect to the entire family of documents, the producing party should replace any subset of privileged documents within the family for which it is claiming a privilege with slipsheets stating “Document Withheld as Privileged.” The slip sheet shall contain the “Document Withheld as Privileged” language in the center of the page, with confidential branding bottom left, and Bates branding bottom right of the page.

10. A Request shall be deemed to include a Request for each document in its entirety with all transmittal sheets, cover letters, exhibits, enclosures, and attachments to the documents in addition to the document itself, without redaction, abbreviation, or expurgation.

### **DOCUMENT REQUESTS**

1. Documents and communications concerning SMARTMATIC, DOMINION, and/or the security of voting in the 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. There is no time limit for this Request.

2. Documents and communications with or concerning DONALD TRUMP, the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, or the TRUMP CAMPAIGN. There is no time limit for this Request.

3. Documents and communications related to LINDELL’S roles and responsibilities as an employee, representative, board member, and/or founder of MY PILLOW.

4. Documents and communications related to the ACCUSED PROGRAMS, DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS, or LINDELL APPEARANCES.

5. Documents and communications concerning LINDELL'S use of the MY PILLOW logo and MY PILLOW promotional codes in connection with his statements and appearances related to the 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

6. Documents and communications relating to any materials used to prepare, produce, edit, film, and/or publish the ACCUSED PROGRAMS, DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS, or LINDELL APPEARANCES, including but not limited to production notes, drafts, scripts, teleprompter text, outtakes, raw footage, storyboards, transcripts, visuals, graphics, illustrations videos, PowerPoints, graphics, pamphlets, handouts, and photographs.

7. Documents and communications with or concerning any of the GUESTS, Rudolph Giuliani, L. Lin Wood, Sidney Powell, or the RNC, from January 1, 2018 to the present.

8. Documents reflecting any communications between LINDELL and MY PILLOW, including any MY PILLOW EMPLOYEE, concerning SMARTMATIC, DOMINION, the 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, the ACCUSED PROGRAMS, the DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS, the LINDELL APPEARANCES, DONALD TRUMP, the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, or the TRUMP CAMPAIGN.

9. Documents and communications regarding all materials used as factual support for any statements concerning SMARTMATIC or DOMINION in the ACCUSED PROGRAMS, DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS, or LINDELL APPEARANCES.

10. Documents and communications relating to any lawsuit that was filed concerning the outcome of the 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

11. Documents and communications relating to the "March for Trump" tour and tour bus referenced in paragraph 76 of the COMPLAINT.

12. Documents and communications relating to the MY PILLOW promotional codes “FightforTrump,” “Proof,” “Eric,” “ML66,” “ML33,” and any other MY PILLOW promotional codes used in the ACCUSED PROGRAMS, DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS, and/or LINDELL APPEARANCES.

13. Documents and communications relating to any agreements, arrangements, understandings, and/or contracts in effect between You, OTHER NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, DONALD TRUMP, the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, the TRUMP CAMPAIGN, or the GUESTS from January 1, 2016 to the present.

14. Documents sufficient to show all compensation and components thereof, including but not limited to salary, wages, bonuses, retirement plans, stock and stock options, and company perquisites, that LINDELL received from MY PILLOW, OTHER NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, DONALD TRUMP, the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, or the TRUMP CAMPAIGN from January 1, 2016 to the present.

15. Documents and communications concerning the LINDELL WEBSITES, including but not limited to (1) the creation of the LINDELL WEBSITES, (2) the persons who monitor and update the LINDELL WEBSITES, (3) the persons authorized to update or change information on the LINDELL WEBSITES, (4) all data analytics and/or “clicks” for all advertisements posted on the LINDELL WEBSITES, and (5) the public’s viewership of the LINDELL WEBSITES. There is no time limit for this Request.

16. Documents and communications relating to the budget, amount of money invested, or amount of money expended by You or any third party relating to the ACCUSED PROGRAMS, DEFAMATORY BROADCASTS, or any other content You published concerning SMARTMATIC.

17. Documents and communications relating to all posts on Your SOCIAL MEDIA accounts, including any direct messages, regarding SMARTMATIC, DOMINION, the 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, DONALD TRUMP, the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, or the TRUMP CAMPAIGN.

18. Documents that You contend support, establish, demonstrate, or show that the DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS are substantially true, accurate, not misleading, and/or not defamatory. There is no time limit for this Request.

19. Documents on which You intend to rely at any hearing or trial of this ACTION. There is no time limit for this Request.

20. Documents obtained, now or in the future, by You pursuant to any subpoena or discovery relating to this ACTION. There is no time limit for this Request.

21. All documents referenced in, identified by, responsive to, or relied on in preparing your answer, your affirmative defenses, your counterclaim, your responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories to you, and/or your responses to any other discovery requests in this ACTION. There is no time limit for this Request.

22. All documents produced by You or received by You, including transcripts of any testimony other than testimony provided by DOMINION employees, in connection with the lawsuit *US Dominion, Inc., et al. v. My Pillow, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-445-CJN (D.D.C.).

23. Any agreement under which an insurance business or other person or entity may be liable to satisfy all or part of a judgment in the ACTION or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment in the ACTION.

24. Any joint defense or similar agreement between You and any other party or non-party to the ACTION concerning the ACTION.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on October 17, 2022 copies of the foregoing **Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production Directed at Defendants Michael J. Lindell and My Pillow, Inc.** were sent via email to all attorneys of record:

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